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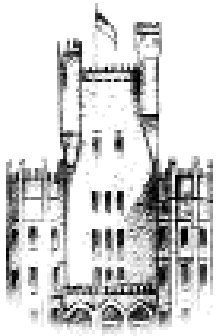
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Mertz trial set for Oct. 7

By Maura Possley
City editor

Despite a defense request to delay the trial's start until January, the capital murder trial of Anthony B. Mertz will begin Sept. 30, Circuit Court Judge Dale Cini ruled Monday.



Anthony Mertz

Jury selection will begin Sept. 30 for the case and Cini said if selection remains on schedule the trial will begin the following week on Oct. 7.

Mertz, a former Eastern student, has been charged with the June 12 murder of Eastern student Shannon McNamara. He was originally scheduled to stand trial Jan. 22, but, at the defense's request, the trial was moved back. The trial was then scheduled to start Monday, but an additional continuance was approved April 3.

Both delays were requested by Mertz's lead attorney Paula Phillips, who contended she was not ready for trial.

At Monday's pretrial hearing, Phillips said the defense needed to delay the trial at least eight months because of the "considerable amount of work to be done."

Phillips told Cini she was looking to hire an additional attorney to aid the defense. At Mertz's last pretrial hearing, April 3, Cini had requested Phillips seek assistance from the Capital Litigation Trial Bar. However, the defense has yet to hire another counsel certified by the the special section of the state Supreme Court that ensures attorneys are qualified to work on death penalty cases.

Todd Berg, a mitigation expert from the Illinois Appellate Defender's Office, may also join the defense. On Monday Berg told the court that if hired he would need an additional eight months of preparation.

Cini suggested hiring another expert, which Phillips contested.

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Mandy Marshall/Senior photographer

Tomy Wilhelm, Eastern alumnus, Diane Beilke, a junior psychology major and Sarah Rich, a senior biology major, play a game of Trivial Pursuit at Fox Ridge State Park Monday afternoon. Due to Illinois State budget cuts the state park has been put on a list of "could be" closings. The decision will accompany final budget approval.

Budget cuts could close Fox Ridge

By Maura Possley
City editor

As a result of state budget constraints, a popular state park in Charleston may close to the public.

Fox Ridge State Park was listed on as one of the several parks in Illinois which could be closed in order to conserve money for the budget, State Representative Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, said Monday.

Tim Schweizer, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, said Friday the list was made to "identify possible cost savings."

"We're in the process of doing that and no decisions have been made," he said.

The final decision on whether the park will close will accompany approval of the final budget, which can be expected "sometime before July 1," Schweizer said.

If closed, the park will not allow the

public to rent shelter or campsites inside the park and no person would be allowed to enter the park, said Glen Lyons, site superintendent Monday.

"It will be closed and the gates will be locked," he said. "But that's all subject to change. That's beyond my control."

Mayor Dan Cougill opposed the idea to close the park contesting that although the state may save money this year with the park closed, it would cost extra the year the park reopened.

"It costs more because you didn't maintain it," he said. "I think they're being very short sighted in that."

Instead, Cougill said that "if every department in the state of Illinois took a 5 percent cut, they could handle the budget."

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said.

However, Righter stressed that the list is not "firm or solid," and it was put together in order to "rattle the cages of some of the legislators."

"The government is trying to wake people up," he said.

Cougill agreed saying although there is

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Candidates field audience questions before election

By Benjamin Tully
Student Government editor

Candidates for student government executive positions addressed current issues and the their vision for Eastern's future in an election debate Monday night.

Current vice president of academic affairs, Jessica Catto, introduced the candidates by political party affiliation.

Candidate for student body president, senior political science major, Alison Mormino, said her position essentially involves attending a lot of

meetings and her current busy schedule has readied her for the job.

Mormino, running with the Students' Voice party, also commented on the veto power she would obtain provided she wins the election.

"I would use veto power if a situation came up where the Student Senate was uneducated or uninformed about the situation," Mormino said.

Tim Edwards of the Common Sense party and Amy Leonard of the Students' Voice party highlighted their experience with finances as

they vied for the position of Student Vice President for Financial Affairs.

Edwards, a junior speech communication major, mentioned his work on the Tuition and Fee Review Committee and said he has been able to see how monies get allocated. He also wants recognized student organizations to get official money from the apportionment board.

"This will give (RSOs) a chance to get additional funding from the (Apportionment Board)," Edwards said.

Edwards also wants to help create a pamphlet to send to all resi-

dence halls that breaks down the student fees.

Leonard, a sophomore political science major, said she has served on AB, a committee whose budget is made up of student fees and funds other university boards, for two semesters.

Leonard plans to look at a "frozen tuition" program, which locks the price of tuition so when a student enrolls his first year tuition fees will remain the same as the year he graduates.

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Student Government elections 2002

Polling places & times

- Carman Hall lobby
- Taylor Hall lobby
- Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
- Student Recreation Center
- Coleman Hall

Polls are open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
To vote bring a student ID

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Studying in the sun

Justin Hemming, a sophomore elementary education major, studies with Alicia Kuhl, a freshmen middle level education major, Monday afternoon on the patio south of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Anxiety class works on test taking

By Nikki Nolan-Theodour
Staff writer

For some students, spring does not only bring flowers and sunshine. It can also be that nerve-racking time of the year – finals are here again.

Psi Chi, The Psychology Honors Department, is sponsoring a test-taking anxiety seminar in conjunction with the counseling center Wednesday to help students deal with the pressure.

The seminar will take place at 7 p.m. in room 2011 of Lumpkin Hall.

"A number of students suffer from test-taking anxiety and it

interferes with their ability to perform as well as they normally could," said David Onestak, director of the counseling center. "So this seminar comes at a good time."

Onestak also explained the majority of test-taking stress is not directly related to the exam itself.

Most of the stress is caused by outside pressures like graduation and passing a course. Speakers will focus on eliminating outside influences like these during exams.

The seminar will teach students to recognize symptoms of stress, such as shaky hands and an increase in heart rate, and then demonstrate physical anxiety control.

Mark May, assistant director of academic advising, will cover the test preparation piece of the seminar.

May says that it is best to look at performing well on an exam the same as performing well at any other task.

"We're going to look at specific strategies that will mimic the test-taking process. Students can use these methods while studying," May said.

He will be presenting an interactive three-step strategy for success on exams.

"Some anxiety is good. It's a natural function of the body," Onestak said.

Faculty Senate will discuss fear of decline in standards

By Scott Miller
Administration editor

Fear of a possible decline in academic quality of students at Eastern has become an issue for the Faculty Senate to review.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Conference Room 4440 of Booth Library to discuss a potentially great fall in the average ACT for freshmen, which has not seen an increase since the fall semester of 1996, when the scores jumped three-tenths of a point from

the previous year, according to a planning and institutional studies office report.

In 1999, the admissions office raised the minimum ACT score that prospective students need for admission to the university by one point. Now, a student in the top quarter of their graduating class needs a score of 18 and a student in the top half of their class needs a 19. The highest possible score on the test is 36.

Despite the attempt to raise quality, the scores have not

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Faculty Senate Chair

increased and have actually seen a slight drop. Scores slipped by one-tenth of a point from the fall of 2000, when the average ACT score among freshmen was 22.2, to the

fall of 2001, which saw a 22.1 average.

Frank Hohengarten, dean of enrollment management, said on April 11 the drop was insignificant because it is difficult to change the averages.

However, the Faculty Senate Chair Bud Fischer, associate biology professor, said Monday that it was an issue for the senate to discuss a cause of and a solution to.

"With recent numbers falling," he said, "we're going to take a look at all kinds of things."

Pepper spray training session at Newman Catholic Center

By Caitlin Prendergast
Activities editor

Anyone looking to protect themselves responsibly should attend a free pepper spray training session at the Newman Catholic Center at 6:30 p.m.

The session, sponsored by the

Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, will provide about 100 free pepper spray key rings to willing trainees, said Jeanie Stenson, administrative assistant for SACIS.

Dave Chambers, of the Charleston Police Department, will also present information on

how to properly use pepper spray.

"He will demonstrate how to use the spray and other self-defense techniques," Stenson said.

This is the first time SACIS has sponsored such an event, and the organization views the train-

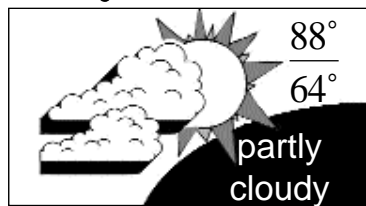
ing as prevention education, Stenson said.

Stenson also encourages students to bring groups of friends, males or females, to the free presentation.

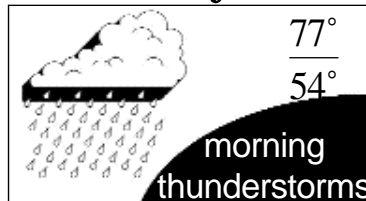
For more information on pepper spray training, call SACIS at 348-5033.

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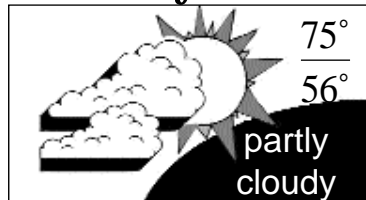
today



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday



Correction

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* an article incorrectly reported the date of Subway's free cookie day. The free cookie day was Monday
The News regrets the error.

Headline to fit here please???

By Melissa Nielsen
Campus editor

Students attending summer school will be housed in University Court apartments instead of residence halls because of ongoing summer construction, while conference and camp members will be housed in available residence halls.

This will be the fourth year that summer school students have lived in University Court instead of residence halls. Students were moved there three years ago when Stevenson, Douglas and Lincoln Halls were under construction and the solution proved to be more convenient for students, said Doris Hamilton, manager of university apartments.

Construction in several buildings has also made University Court the most logical option, she said.

Elevator construction in Carman and the high price of cooling and maintaining the building, plans to replacing hot water pipes in Lincoln and Douglas and several air conditioning projects have ruled some buildings out as summer housing options, said Jody Stone, assistant director of housing.

Students staying for intersession and summer school or students attending only summer session can live in University Court. However, students attending only intersession must live in the Gregg Triad.

"We can't clean (apartments) fast enough and we wouldn't have enough," Hamilton said.

Placing students in University Court frees plenty of room for the increase in people expected to attend Eastern's camps and conferences this summer. Throughout the year, 14,000 people will be attending the camps and conferences, up from 13,000 people last year.

The university has seen an increase in people wanting to attend the 65 different summer camps and conferences Eastern hosts ranging from sports camps and band camps to educational programs.

Those attending summer camps and conferences will live in Taylor, Lawson, Thomas, and Stevenson halls and the first three floors of Andrews Hall, said Hamilton, while instructors, teachers and camp leaders will stay in a designated area at University Court.

Andrew Hall's elevators will be under construction over the summer, restricting students to the lower floors, he said.

Dining services available for summer students and people attending programs will include Tower, Andrews and Thomas and Taylor and Lawson dining, he said.

"They will be on again off again depending on if there are camps in that area or not," Stone said.

The construction in Carman will also move orientation programs to the Martin Luther King University Union, a more central location for new students and parents. Those in attendance will be housed in residence halls, Bob Dudolski, assistant director of Greek Life, said.



Mandy Marshall/Senior photographer

'Tis the Season

Eastern students soak up the sun Monday afternoon at Lake Charleston. The ladies were not alone as many students headed for the lake to enjoy the year's hottest temperatures yet.

Lettuce headed back to halls Tuesday

By Melissa Nielsen
Campus editor

A relief in the nationwide lettuce shortages means dining services will be back to serving lettuce, after high prices cut distribution.

Lettuce prices rose after Arizona growers saw a warm, early winter through November and December that caused too much lettuce to grow too quickly, said Stephen Skuba, officer in charge at the United States Department of Agriculture vegetable market news branch. Lettuce had to be harvested ahead of schedule, causing a period with very little lettuce production.

Then, Skuba said, production moved to California in late December and growers across the state saw a prolonged cold snap in December, January and February, which caused a delay in harvesting and the size and weight of the lettuce to decrease.

Dining services at Carman, Stevenson, Taylor and Thomas had found ways to cut down on the amount of lettuce they used in order to compensate for higher prices, but serving will be back to normal Tuesday and continue as usual as long as prices hold, said Jody Horn, director of residence hall food service, said in an e-mail.

Dining services with salad bars cut down on lettuce by serving it only once a day at lunch and cutting out dinner distribution, Horn said.

"(The shortage) has affected us significantly," said Glen Greer, assistant director of Carman dining.

Instead, salad bars have offered more spinach, carrots and other vegetables to compensate for the lack of lettuce.

Tower Dining, which does not have a salad bar, but sells prepared salads, cut down the amount of lettuce in each salad sold and the amount of shredded lettuce served

on sandwiches.

Mary Lou Beals, assistant food manager, said that at the height of the shortage, about two weeks ago, Stevenson tried eliminating shredded lettuce on sandwiches, but student complaints became too numerous.

However, Skuba said as prices are beginning to fall back to average and as production increases, food services like Eastern's dining service can start to return to normal.

"Today a 24-count shipment of lettuce would cost \$50, but weeks ago it could have cost \$60," he said.

He said \$50 a shipment is still a higher than average price, last year 24 count shipment would have cost \$8, but as production continues to increase, prices will continue to fall.

Horn said some complaints about the lack of lettuce in dining services, but most students were understanding and aware of the shortage.

AB to allocate funds to the Rec

By Avian Carrasquillo
Staff Writer

The Apportionment Board Monday voted 4-3 in favor of allocating \$14,841 to the Student Recreational Center.

The money includes \$5,000 for student payroll to cover the current payroll deficit, \$4,000 for a Life-Fitness 9500 Cross-trainer, \$2,550 for 13 pairs of dumbbells coated in rubber to preserve the floor that had been replaced two years ago, \$660 for four 100-pound rubber plates, \$500 for commercial-grade digital scales, \$400 for aerobic wireless headset microphone and transmitter, \$495 for 44 pairs of aerobic hand weights and lockable rack, \$486 for aerobic mats, \$750 for three sets of badminton floor standard sleeves.

According to Jen Fanthorpe, student vice president for financial affairs and AB chair, the AB had \$447,375 in their budget to allocate

to various campus groups. A total of \$210,358 was originally requested by the Student Recreational Center for its budget, \$179,000 was allocated.

In addition to their regular budget, the AB has \$148,162 in their reserve account, of which \$100,000 must remain in the account at all times. After the Student Recreation Center allocation, the AB now has \$33,321 left in their reserve account for allocations.

Fanthorpe felt the funds were needed and the allocation could save money in the long run.

"I've gone to work out and I've seen Ken (Baker, Director of Campus Recreation) at the door swiping cards, because there was someone out on a lunch break," said Fanthorpe referring to the payroll deficit. "It's a good use of student funds."

Before the money can be distributed, the Student Senate must approve the allocation.

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Compromise on parking

Thirty-six parking spots might not seem like very much, but when you are running late to class and the only open parking spots are in staff parking, having enough parking for all students starts to make a difference.

Every morning, students circle the various parking lots on campus in a fight to procure a spot in time to

Cooperative effort

It is important that students and faculty work together to solve parking problems on campus.

make it to class. In the meantime, many of the staff spots remain open.

Student Senate members are attempting to turn 36 parking spots in the Stevenson lot fac-

ing the softball field from staff parking to student parking.

In an attempt to convince the university to change the spots into student parking, the senate parking committee took a survey of the 36 spots in question by taking pictures of the row at different times of day. Members have also surveyed students, faculty and staff regarding the parking situation.

The study concluded that on average, over half of the 36 spots along the softball field, and one-third of the 30 spaces along Fourth Street, remained empty between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donna Fernandez, chair of the Student Senate Relations Committee, said at last week's parking forum if the staff spots are not being taken, then they should be able to be used by students.

By conducting the survey, the senate is backing up student's claims with evidence to prove the spots should be used by students. The senate members did a good job of representing the students by responding to a problem and coming up with a logical solution to fix it. Those in charge of doling out parking spots need to be receptive to those concerns.

Even though the senate wants to turn the staff spots into student spots, they still took into consideration where the staff would have to park if the spots were changed.

The senate members said they will give a formal presentation to the faculty on the staff spots and where alternate spaces are for them to park.

The senate should continue to take positive approaches to addressing other student issues.

■ The editorial is the majority opinion of *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board.

Today's quote

“What are we doing here? We're reaching for the stars.

Christa McAuliffe,
1948-1986

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Keep public records public

How important is it for an average citizen to have access to public records?

Is it necessary to have access to the minutes from a city council meeting, to the land records of a county, to the environmental laws enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency?

Maybe the average citizen doesn't exercise their right to access public information and records. But that doesn't make it less important for them to have that right.

That is part of the role of a journalist, to be a watchdog of government and inform the public of what is going on.

A frightening trend is gripping this nation. The government is making it more and more difficult for the public to access information.

Since Sept. 11, government agencies from the small town to the Washington machine are making rules and guidelines more strict concerning the public's right to access information.

The Bush administration, especially, is making it more and more difficult for the public to find information regarding everything, including, but not limited to, EPA reports, safety inspection reports, details on an area's water supply and medical research information that could be shared by doctors to help find cures. The administration has asked that EPA listings be taken down from the Internet, that public libraries destroy some documents regarding the nation's water supply and, in general, that government agencies make it harder to obtain information that is supposed to be public.

The reasoning of the administration is, big shocker, that keeping information regarding the government and regulations secret, will fight terrorism.

If a concerned citizen can't find information on the Internet, then a terrorist can't either, right? Wrong. This information is still available in government agency reading rooms and libraries, as well it should be. So, if a "terrorist" really wants to get a hold of document, what's to stop them from going to the office to get the information? The ones who are really being hurt with the changes are average people.

But the issue doesn't stop with information being taken off the Internet. The Bush administration also has made clear moves to make government workings as a whole more closed. An article in the *Orlando Sentinel* from March 10 quotes Sharon Buccino, attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council as saying, "It is fair to characterize this government as obsessed with secrecy in a way no government has been since Nixon and Watergate."

Buccino goes on to say, "They're basically saying: 'Trust us; we know best.' If the doors aren't open, the



Shauna Gustafson
Editor in chief

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government loses credibility.”

It most definitely does. What are they trying to hide from us, and why are we sitting down and letting them close doors and hide information? Part of the role of the people in a democracy is to stand up and question why the government makes the decisions it does, and demand change if it is needed.

The same article in the *Orlando Sentinel* talks about the "clearest delineation of the Bush administration's views of public access," by pointing out a memo Attorney General John Ashcroft issued on Oct. 12 that stated, "When you carefully consider FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests and decide to withhold records, in whole or in part, you can be assured the Department of Justice will defend your decisions unless they lack a sound legal basis or present an unwarranted risk of adverse impact to the ability of other agencies to protect other important records." In short, Ashcroft is telling the keepers of federal records that is OK with him if they withhold records, unless someone can find a dangerous reason not to.

And the scariest part is that states are taking actions following those of the Bush administration.

On March 10, The *Orlando Sentinel* joined 24 other major newspapers in Florida in "Sunshine Sunday," a day that put the spotlight on public awareness of the threat to public records in that state. Florida is only one state of many that are facing changes in laws regarding the availability of records to the public.

None of this may seem like a big deal to the person walking down the street. It may not seem like an immediate problem. But it is. So many of the newspaper articles you read each day, news stories you hear on the radio or TV each evening are based, in some small way, on public information. In tomorrow's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* you will be able to read a story about the Charleston City Council meeting that will be held tonight. If our rights to public information were not in place, we would not be allowed to cover the meeting, to bring our readers information about what the council is working on.

And that's just one small example. It is so vitally important that Americans' right to information stay intact. It may seem trivial now, it may seem like a good way to fight "terrorism", but all closing records will do is infringe on your rights and freedoms as an American citizen. We must demand that public information remain just that, public.

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Students need their voices heard

The students of Eastern need to realize their voices will be heard by the Student Government. With the arrival of a new president, it will be very important for the Student Government to be able to have an excellent relationship with whomever it might be.

The Student Government here is the most influential in the state of Illinois. Voter apathy is a very large problem on this campus, so let's change the current trend. So often the students here don't use their voices, but you must send the message that you care. Please allow your voices to be heard and get out and vote this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ronnie Deedrick
sophomore political science major

Your turn

Letters to the editor

Greek Week about pride and community

As another Greek Week has come and gone, this one will be etched in my memory forever. Saturday afternoon was the tugs finals at the campus pond, and for the third year in a row, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi battled it out in a record setting 5 minute 11 second tug. For those who have experienced tugs, know that 5 minutes and 11 seconds is an eternity in the world of tugs!

When it was all over, and the Sigma Kappa tuggers had been pulled into the campus pond, I laid there with lifeless limbs, sobbing. Out of no where, Megan Flickenger,

a.k.a "Flick," hopped the fence into the muddy pit, put my arms around her shoulders, and walked me, no, carried me out of the pit. She then went back and helped another teammate of mine out of the mud. Some of you may be thinking, "okay, what's the big deal?" The big deal is Megan is an Alpha Gamma Delta tugger, whom we beat in the first round. What Megan did for me and my teammate on Saturday is what Greek Week and being greek is all about. It's about picking each other up and having pride for being a part of the greek community.

This year was my last Greek Week here at Eastern, and although my tugs team walked off the field that day as the runner up, it was a first place finish by all greeks. Thank you, Megan, for reminding me, and showing everyone what being greek is really about.

Lesley Morgan
junior pre-nursing major

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“Tell the truth and don't be afraid.”

Wang emphasizes technology

Awareness of trends and tools are keys to avoid mistakes

By Scott Miller
Administration editor

"We need to pay attention to the trends in technology," the second of four candidates for assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology told those in attendance for his open interview session Monday.

David Wang, associate vice president for information technology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan., met with various university administrators and organizations Monday to discuss his qualifications for the position, which is in its second search attempt after Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said in January neither of the two previous finalists were a good match for Eastern.

During his open session interview, Wang stressed the importance of knowing technology users and being aware of what tools other universities are using to deliver technology.

"You need to know about the users' background to know what tools will be easiest for them to use," Wang said. Understanding them will also help to gain their support, he added.

Also, a university must know what the rest of the country is doing, he said. "You have better information to



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David Wang, associate vice president for information technology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan., speaks about his qualifications and ideas regarding technology at Eastern, during an open interview for the position of assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology in Booth Library Monday afternoon.

make a good decision' on which tools are effective, he said. By watching trends and talking to other universities, "we can also avoid the mistakes other people are making," Wang said.

"I have fun communicating with different campuses."

Two other candidates still await the chance to prove their qualifications for the position. Roy Roper, associate director of the Office of Information Technologies and director of academic computing at Montclair State

University in Upper Montclair, N.J., will be on campus April 17 and 18. Frank Moore, executive director for information and instructional technology at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., visits Eastern on April 22 and 23.

The first candidate, Michael Hoadley, director of the Center for Interactive Technologies in Education and Corporations at the University of South Dakota, was on campus April 8 and 9.

Council to vote on water rate in crease

By Maura Possley
City editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on a 2 percent increase in city water rates at Tuesday's meeting, as well as the bulk water rate increase from \$1.50 to \$2.

The possible increase in water rates follows a decision made by the council to increase rates by 2 percent each year to keep up with the costs of business instead of raising rates by a larger percentage every ten years, similar to the past, Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill said Monday.

If passed, the increase will cost Eastern an extra \$20,000 per year for their water bill.

In addition, Coughill said bulk water rates will also increase for residents who live in the more country areas and pay for their water in bulk.

The city budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2002 until April 30, 2003 will also be brought to the council for approval in time to begin the new fiscal year in May, Coughill said.

Also on the agenda is the council's list of what the motor fuel tax payback from the state will be used for. Each year, Charleston receives four payments from the state based on how much motor tax fuel is generated and before they receive that money the council must list what it will be used for. Coughill said that money must be used for new street maintenance.

As a result of the new water treatment plant being constructed, the council will also vote to approve the tearing down of the old plant and expanding of the temporary space located in the city garage at the end of Atkins Road near Route 30, Coughill said.

Six acres of land will be donated to the city by the Cole Family, which will be used to build two new softball diamonds on the north side of town, Coughill said.

The council will also be approving the yearly agreement with the director of tourism in Charleston, and Coughill said they will authorize that \$2,000 from tourism funds be given to the Cal Ripken World Series in Mattoon from August 17 to 25 of this year.

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Each resident hall has its own individuality

By Alta King
Features editor

While there are positive and negative aspects of residential life which pertain to all residence halls, each hall has an individual quality for which it is known.

The majority of students agree there is an obvious sense of community living in the residence halls, where a person meets all types of people and makes friends.

Regina Rotermund, a freshman special education major, said that she lives among respectful people in Lawson Hall.

Leslie Thomas, a junior psychology major living in Pemberton Hall, likes the diversity and good sense of community. Becky Hetman, a junior accounting major from Andrews Hall, agrees.

"Meeting people is a plus," Hetman said.

The location of the residence halls is also a major advantage for students.

Bryn Lutes, a sophomore chemistry major, likes how close Pemberton is to her classes.

"I'm a chemistry major, and all my classes are right there," Lutes said, pointing to the Physical Science building.

Jonathan Woodall, senior speech communications major, likes the location of Thomas Hall because it's close to Coleman Hall, where all his classes are located.

Whitney Darner, a sophomore recreation administration major, enjoys the central location of McKinney Hall. Darner said she doesn't have to walk far to where she wants to go.

"We have the Gregg Triad Computer Lab for anyone who doesn't own a computer or if someone's computer breaks down," Darner said.

The dining halls are great for students who don't like to wash dishes or cook. Margaret Pedziwiatr, a freshman communication disor-



Mandy Marshall/Senior photographer

Brent Woodrum, a freshmen English major, Jake Hickenbottom, a junior speech communication major, John Hefner, a junior management major, and Matt Sidarous, a freshmen psychology major, eat their dinner Monday evening in the Thomas Hall dining center. Dining centers can be viewed as a perk of living in the dorms or a hindrance.

ders and sciences major living in Carman Hall, expressed happiness that she no longer has to cook.

"I don't have to worry about cooking a hot meal. No more Ramen," Pedziwiatr said. Woodall agrees, saying he is glad that he doesn't have to cook or wash dishes.

The responsibility of not having to pay monthly utility bills are a relief for students. This is the best thing about residence hall life for Jill Clock, a freshman communication disorders and science major from Carman Hall.

Courtney Hicks, a sophomore biological science major from the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house, agrees.

"I like not being responsible for paying

bills," Hicks said.

Unfortunately, residence halls have annoyances that students have a hard time dealing with. One problem is dealing with noise.

Carolyn Anderson, a sophomore accounting major living in Andrews Hall, said there are residents who are loud during the quiet hours.

Brandon Fountain, a sophomore English major from Thomas Hall, also has difficulty with noisy neighbors.

"I don't like to hear drunken students banging around and loud music," Fountain said.

McKinney Hall is known for its peaceful residents. Darner said that her neighbors are considerate. Bottenburg said the atmosphere at McKinney is comfortable.

Some students do not care for the food in the dining centers.

Dan Holmes, a freshman foreign language major from Thomas Hall, gets tired of eating the same food over and over again.

Another problem in residence halls is the visitation hours. Some students feel the visitation hours are not necessary.

"I feel like college is a place for kids to learn to be adults and curfews don't enforce that idea," said Bobby Diehl, a freshman nutrition science major from Thomas Hall.

Each residence hall holds unique qualities. These qualities are not the ones advertised in catalogs—they are usually developed by the halls' inhabitants.

Thomas Hall is known for its camaraderie, and its closeness to the all-female residence hall, according to Woodall, who has lived here all four years for these reasons.

Taylor Hall has a wonderful staff, said Vicki Urzedowski, a junior family and consumer science major. Other residents enjoy having the computer lab downstairs.

Lawson Hall residents have fun activities, according to Kristina Neven, a sophomore therapeutic recreation major.

"We've had the Krispy Kreme eating contest, window painting and a Mardi Gras night," Neven said.

Andrews Hall is famous for malfunctioning elevators. Meredith Long, a freshman journalism major, said the elevators are totally worthless.

"It's rare for a week or two to pass without one of the elevators failing," Long said.

Residents of Pemberton Hall are proud to live there because of its historical value.

"There's a sense of pride living here, because Pemberton is the first all-female residence hall," said Christina Horton, a sophomore special education major.

Record highs sweep Illinois, cooler weather on the way

(AP) — That was more than just a beautiful spring day that swept over Illinois on Monday. In most places it was the hottest Tax Day ever.

Record high temperatures fell from north to south, reaching into the mid- to upper 80s. And while forecasters didn't expect much difference Tuesday — just a little more wind — they advised not get-

ting too used to summer.

Chicago's high, 88, was 30 degrees warmer than the average high for April 15. The National Weather Service said it expects the region to be closer to normal by the weekend.

National Weather Service technician Bill Nelson, based outside Chicago, said rains will move in Wednesday night and Thursday,

when temperatures are expected to drop into the 70s. Area temperatures should be around the upper 50s for the weekend, he said.

For now, though, a low-pressure system over the Plains is helping drive southerly winds that are sucking warm air up from the Gulf of Mexico, Nelson said.

"When you get compressed air like that blowing as it is, that helps

temperatures," he said.

The only of Illinois' five weather service regions that did not report a record high was the far south, based at Paducah, Ky.

In the north, Chicago's O'Hare International Airport beat its 1976 record by 4 degrees.

In the western part of the state, Moline reported a record of 87, 2 degrees warmer than its 1942

mark.

In central Illinois, Peoria (87), Springfield (86), Lincoln (86) and Champaign (84) all beat their previous high temperatures for April 15 by 2 degrees. The oldest record to fall was Champaign's, set at 82 since 1896.

In the southwest, Quincy's 88 degrees topped its 1924 mark by 2 degrees.

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Pope summons American cardinals to talk about sex abuse scandal in U.S. churches

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II has summoned American cardinals to the Vatican for an extraordinary meeting to talk about sex abuse scandals in the U.S. church.

The talks will take place early next week, a senior Vatican official said Monday. The official said the cardinals would meet with some Vatican officials as well as the pope.

A spokesman for the Baltimore archdiocese said the meeting was scheduled for April 23-24.

The Vatican official said only the eight American cardinals in charge of an archdiocese will be involved in next week's talks. They are Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore, Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit, Cardinal

Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, Cardinal Edward Egan of New York, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington.

The offices of Keeler, Maida, Mahony and Egan confirmed their planned attendance.

But a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sister Mary Ann Walsh, said the conference's top two officials — Bishop Wilton Gregory, the president, and Bishop William Skylstad, the vice president — also will attend.

Besides the eight cardinals leading U.S. archdioceses, there are five other American cardinals: James Hickey, retired archbishop of Washington; Fordham University theologian Avery Dulles; and

Vatican officials William Baum, Francis Stafford and Edmund Szoka.

Cardinals are second in the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy only to the pope himself. They usually are summoned to Rome only when new cardinals are named or for a conclave when a pope dies.

A special meeting of cardinals from just one country is extraordinary. Only one similar meeting has been held before, said the Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Catholic magazine "America."

In 1989, the pope summoned all the American archbishops to discuss tensions between U.S. Catholics and the Vatican over issues such as remarriage for divorced Catholics and disregard for the church ban on artificial birth control.

Mertz

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"There's no reason to believe that if we get another mitigation expert that they're not going to request the same amount of time," she said.

Hiring an additional attorney would bring the defense up to speed with the number of members on the prosecution, which currently has three attorneys on board.

Phillips requested the trial begin in January, which would give her, fellow counsel Lonnie Lutz, Berg and possibly an additional attorney ample time to prepare for the case.

However, State's Attorney Steve Ferguson contested such a long delay, arguing that Phillips has had enough time to prepare. Ferguson requested the trial date be set in late August or early September, which he said would still allow for Mertz to receive a fair trial.

In fact, Ferguson said Phillip's request to delay the trial for an additional eight months was prolonging the sentence of Mertz, not the verdict.

"(It has) nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the trial, but the sentencing of the trial," he said. "I think eight months is out of bounds."

Ferguson argued that Berg is a

mitigation expert and his involvement in the trial would not begin until sentencing.

Cini ruled the trial will begin Sept. 30. However, he said he would be in contact with the Capital Litigation Trial Bar and review a list of attorneys to aid Phillips. Cini scheduled another pretrial hearing for 11 a.m. Thursday.

Cini also sealed a 13-page letter received from Berg from April 12 along with the defense's April 1 motion for continuance. Cini said that Berg's letter was "likely to be evidence" in the trial and both documents "could be prejudicial" against Mertz.

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Leonard wants to get outside donations for Eastern through alumni, government grants and the private sector.

Lisa Flam, who is running for student vice president for student affairs, is running unopposed and did not have anyone to debate, but answered several questions from the audience members.

Flam, a sophomore journalism and speech communications major, plans to encourage RSOs and Greek organizations to work together on philanthropy projects, community service and fund-raising efforts which will help these organizations make the community recognize that students are making a difference.

Independent candidate Justin Brinkmeyer, a senior geography and technology education major, and Ronnie Deedrick of the Students' Voice party debated issues in support of their campaigns for the position of student vice president for academic affairs.

Brinkmeyer's main focus is finding more scholarship money to lessen rising. He would also like to improve

technology on campus by asking students what can be done to improve technology including a plan to improve technology through corporate donations of older computers.

Deedrick, a sophomore political science major, said he wants to implement his "pick a prof" program, which will allow students to review the curriculum of professors and student comments about the professors before picking a class and professor.

Deedrick also said he wants to continue to improve faculty, student and administration relations.

Marty Ruhaak, a sophomore history major, of the Students' Voice party, who is running for student vice president of public affairs cited his experience working with Charleston's Mayor Dan Cougill and said he would like to tone down Project 21, a state police program cracking down on underage drinking in college towns. Ruhaak said he believes the program unfairly targets students.

Ruhaak also wants to lobby more in Springfield next semester with the student action team in order to raise funds for Eastern from the state.

Skye Brouwer, candidate for vice president for public affairs, was not at the debate.

Fox Ridge

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a threat that Fox Ridge Park will close that "I think they're playing politics with that."

In fact, Cougill said he felt the park was one place where students and Charleston residents were not labeled.

"It's one of those places where you just become people," he said. "You become preschoolers. It would be missed."

Righter also said that in many

cases similar to Fox Ridge, if the community would have voiced their opinions through "pure grass roots efforts," they may have made an impact.

"It's not because of any evil in Springfield," he said. "They probably didn't speak out and let their opinions be heard."

"If they've had an experience (at Fox Ridge Park) that's positive they need to contact me."

Although Righter would not commit to whether or not the park would close he said, "we're not sure how serious the government is."

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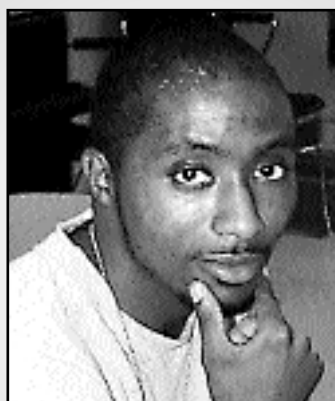
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Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0305

- ACROSS
- 1 Nav. officers

5 Muscle contraction

10 Madcap

14 Con ____ (vigorously)

15 Nametag word

16 Soothing plant extract

17 China/Korea border river

18 Disney's ____ Center

19 Church seating

20 Brainy

23 Kind of orange

24 Tex-Mex restaurant dip

28 Surgery locales: Abbr.

29 Gridiron great

31 “You’ve got mail” co.

32 Words from Caesar

35 “Beyond Good and Evil” author

38 Brainy

41 Egotistical

42 Mindless repetition

43 Biblical verb ending

44 Attorneys’ org.

45 Bring to bear

47 Coup ____

49 Symbol of Americanism

54 Brainy

57 Guitarist Hendrix

- DOWN
- 1 Vast gulf

2 “Law & Order,” e.g.

3 Where to see “The Last Supper”

4 San Francisco bread

5 Clippers

6 Coke competitor

7 Highway to Fairbanks

8 Gradual

9 Sweater eater

10 Inventor of the Mothers of Invention

11 Ginger ____

12 Right away

13 “You bet!”

21 Roofer’s supply

22 Rodeo producer

60 “Secrets & Lies” director Mike

61 Roman 152

62 Vicinity

63 “Exodus” actor Sal

64 “____ in Full” (Tom Wolfe novel)

65 Succotash tidbit

66 Uneasy feeling

67 Summoned help, maybe

ANSWER TO TODAY’S PUZZLE

DOWN

1 VAST

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3 WHERE

4 BREAD

5 CLIPPERS

6 COKE

7 FAIRBANKS

8 GRADUAL

9 SWEATER

10 INVENTOR

11 GINGER

12 RIGHT

13 BET

21 ROOFER

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20 BRAIN

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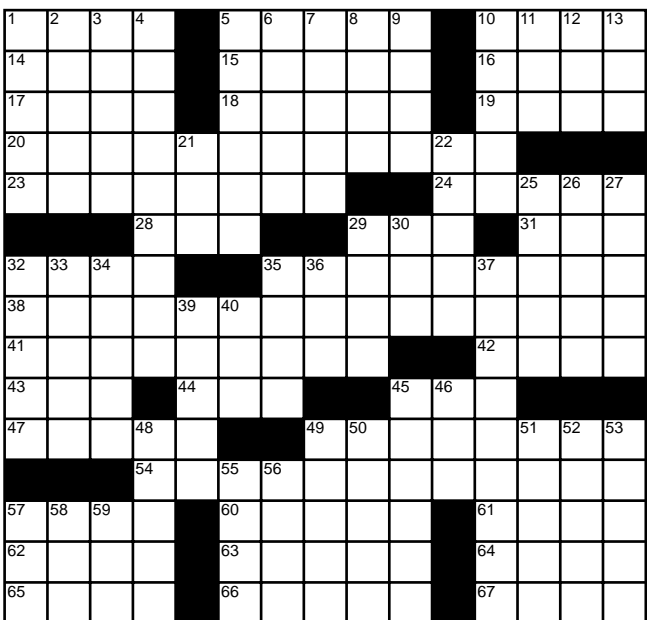
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40 KEYBOARD

45 OUTCOME

46 PATTY

48 FROM

49 IMITATING

50 BUZZES

51 DIRECTOR

52 SUFFIX

53 STRETCHING

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56 JOCKEY

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Sosa, McGriff
homer back-to-back
in win over Expos

MONTREAL (AP) — Sammy Sosa and Fred McGriff hit consecutive home runs and Kerry Wood pitched six scoreless innings Monday night to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Montreal Expos 6-4.

Sosa hit his sixth homer of the season in the fifth inning off Carl Pavano (1-2), a drive that struck a cable 120 feet above the left-field wall, and added an RBI double that chased the starter in the seventh.

The home run rose above the 160-foot-high concrete rim that surrounds Olympic Stadium before descending and striking midway up one of two cables from which hang a

pair of speakers above the left-field wall.

McGriff drew a bases-loaded walk in the third and followed Sosa in the fifth with his first homer of the season, putting Chicago ahead 3-0.

Moises Alou, who missed the first two weeks of the season because of a strained right calf, was 0-for-4 in his Cubs' debut. He struck out twice and grounded into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the third.

Offense rallies
behind Garland in
White Sox win

CHICAGO (AP) — Jon Garland, facing a big start, got an early lead and set down Baltimore with ease.

Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer and matched his career high with five RBIs, and Garland rebounded from two poor starts to pitch seven strong innings Monday and lead the Chicago White Sox over the Orioles 13-4.

"I wanted to show my teammates that I belong here," said Garland, who had allowed 16 hits and six walks in 9 1-3 innings coming in.

Detroit draws attention it doesn't want

DETROIT (AP) — The 0-11 Detroit Tigers, off to the fifth-worst start in baseball history, aren't just drawing the ire of local fans. They're also becoming the butt of Jay Leno's jokes.

Months after ridiculing the Detroit Lions for their 0-12 start, Leno has gotten some laughs at the Tigers' expense on "The Tonight Show."

"Kmart announced today that they will no longer sponsor signs at the stadium where the Detroit Tigers play," Leno said in a recent monologue. "Oh man, how embarrassing is

that — Kmart thinks you're a loser!"

It's difficult for a baseball team to grab national attention in the first two weeks of the season — for any reason — but the Tigers have done it by being in select company that they want no part of.

Only four major league teams since 1900, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, have started worse: the 1920 Tigers and the 1904 Washington Senators started 0-13, the 1997 Chicago Cubs lost their first 14 games, and the 1988 Baltimore Orioles set the record with an 0-21 start.

In that season, the Orioles fired Cal Ripken Sr. after just six games, which was the quickest dismissal of a manager since 1900. This year, the Tigers matched that mark by firing manager Phil Garner after Detroit's 0-6 start.

Now, after five more games, manager Luis Pujols has the same number of wins that Garner earned this season: zero.

"I take no consolation in that," Garner said in a phone interview Monday from his home in Texas. "I'm more saddened and disappointed than anything else. I feel for them."

Rams acquire WR Wilkins from Indianapolis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams acquired wide receiver and kick returner Terrence Wilkins from Indianapolis on Monday for an undisclosed draft pick.

Wilkins, 26, who had played his previous three season with the Colts, replaces the departed Az-Zahir Hakim in the Rams' lineup.

Last year, Wilkins caught 34 passes for 332 yards and no touchdowns. He also returned 21 punts for an average of 10.4 yards and 44 kickoffs for a 22.9-

yard average.

"He's a good fit for us," said Rams coach Mike Martz. "Terrence can line up in a lot of places.

"He can catch, return punts and kickoffs, and he'll bring speed and attitude to our team."

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound Wilkins was undrafted out of Virginia in 1999. As a rookie, he scored a touchdown as a receiver, punt returner and kick returner. He posted career highs in 2000 with 43 receptions and 569

yards, while also scoring three touchdowns.

"It's difficult to replace Az Hakim, but I believe we have helped ourselves considerably with this trade," Martz said. "This represents one of the most important moves of the off-season."

Hakim, the Rams' third wide receiver behind Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt, was looking for a chance to start and signed in March with Detroit. Last year, Hakim caught 39 passes for just 374 yards.

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Recruit Breakdown



Women's Soccer

New Recruits		
	Position	H.S./JUCO
Sharyne Connell	F	Schaumburg
Morgan Frericks	M	Quincy ND
Kim Garkie	M	Quincy
Lindsey Holcomb	F/M	Collinsville
Jillian Nowak	D/M	Orland Park
Toni Perry	D/F	G.Blanc, Mich.
Megan Tischauser	F	Normal U-High

Departing seniors		
	Position	Key Stat
Devon Bissell	M/D	16 assists
Katy Meyer	M	.250 shot %
Brooke O'Connell	D/M	7 shots
Katie Quiter	D/M	2 shots
Melissa Rhines	M/F	5 shots
McKenzie Smith	M	7 points
Kristin Zabrosky	F	3 points

2001 record: 14-6*
*Qualified for NCAA Tournament

Panther women's soccer squad signs seven

By Matt Williams
Staff writer

The Eastern men's soccer team announced the signing of three additional recruits, last week, but this week is the women's turn.

Panther head coach Steve Ballard signed seven recruits to National Letters of Intent: six high school seniors and one junior college transfer.

Lindsey Holcomb (Collinsville/Collinsville), Jillian Nowak (Orland Park/Sandburg), Kim Garkie (Quincy/Quincy), Morgan Frericks (Quincy/Notre Dame), Megan Tischauser (Normal/University), and Sharyne Connell (Schaumburg/Schaumburg) round out the list of high school seniors while Toni Perry (Grand Blanc, Mich./Grand Blanc/Schoolcraft) is a junior college transfer.

The group will help replace the seven seniors that helped take the Panthers to their first ever NCAA tournament appearance. Ballard describes the recruits as look-

ing good on paper, but he will not know what they are capable of until next fall.

Holcomb was named all-conference and first team all-area twice and to the all-sectional team last season. She also helped lead Collinsville the last three regional championships and sectional title last season.

Nowak, an all-conference and all-sectional player for Sandburg, was also named to *The Daily Southtown* all-area team.

Garkie received all-conference honors last spring and has been named to the all-sectional team twice. She was also a member of the Wolfpack Soccer Club, the 1998 Missouri State Championship team.

Frericks joins her older sister Audra who was a First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference defender for the Panthers last fall. Morgan is a three year starter at Notre Dame and helped her team to a fourth place finish in the 2000 state tournament.

"I think it will be easier for Morgan to adjust to a campus lifestyle with her sister being here," Ballard said.

Tischauser was named First Team

All-Area last year for her efforts on the soccer field and also received all-conference honors for the Normal University High basketball team last season.

Connell is one of the top players in the state. She was named as one of the top 60 returning players this season by the *Chicago Sun Times*. She has twice earned all-sectional honors and has also received recognition in basketball.

Perry, a two-time junior college All-American, will bring some college experience to the program. She helped lead Schoolcraft to two national appearances with a fifth place finish in 2000.

"(Perry) will be a little older and more mature," Ballard said. "Hopefully her experience will be a good addition to our program."

Ballard said he expected each of the recruits to have some sort of role next fall.

"I think every one of the recruits can play for us," Ballard said.

"I expect all of them to contribute whether it is as a starter or coming off the bench."

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ERA, the best in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern junior Damon White (2-1, 2.70 ERA) will take the mound Tuesday. Sophomore Andy Kuntz (1-0, 5.59 ERA) will toe the rubber Wednesday against Purdue.

The Boilermakers (16-16) have won four of their last five games and have a team ERA of 5.65.

They have a team batting average of .277.

The Panthers aren't exempt from wanting to win. Instead, it's all about deducting the strong points taken from the midweek games and applying them to the weekend OVC contests.

The Panthers will play a three-game series at Tennessee Tech this weekend.

"I think we've put ourselves in a good spot for the rest of the season," Duke said. "It'll give us a tough challenge. It will be a good test. Tennessee Tech has a good team."

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selves with five errors including three in the sixth inning.

"That has kind of been our nemesis this season," Tennessee State head coach Joyce Maudie said. "We have had our ups and downs. The only thing we have been consistent with is our inconsistency."

In the rubber match, sophomore pitcher Trish Sanders (4-6) dominated the Tiger hitters and controlled a no-hitter through four innings on her way to a five hit 4-1 victory.

"Trish has been working really hard and has been showing improvement," Searle said. Searle also gave credit to junior catcher Kristin Darnell.

"To every good pitcher, there is a good catcher behind her."

Eastern next hosts Southeast Missouri State (8-20, 5-8) at 2 p.m. Thursday at Williams Field. The Panthers took two from the Otahkians in a double-header on April 9.

Bulls defeat Philadelphia 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jalen Rose scored 32 points, including two foul shots with two seconds remaining, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 98-96 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Philadelphia, which clinched a playoff spot Sunday, rested center Dikembe Mutombo and also was without Allen Iverson (broken left hand), Aaron McKie (eye) and Derrick Coleman (hyperextended knee).

The Sixers fell a half-game behind Orlando for the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Magic hold the tiebreaker — a 3-1 record against Philadelphia this season — should the teams finish tied.

Eric Snow scored 21 and little-

used Jabari Smith added a career-high 14 for the Sixers.

Snow missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would've won it.

Jamal Crawford had 14 and Eddy Curry added 12 for the Bulls, who have won four of five.

Travis Best's jumper gave Chicago its first lead of the second half, 92-91, with 1:45 left.

After Derrick McKey hit a 10-footer, Rose drilled a runner to make it 95-94.

Tyson Chandler made a free throw to give the Bulls a 96-94 lead. But Best fouled Snow behind the 3-point line, and Snow hit the first two free throws to tie it at 96 with 14.7 seconds left.

Rose then got fouled by McKey on a driving layup, and hit both.

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Golf teams make Tiger-like feats of their own

It's that time of year again, and Tiger Woods has done it again. Now, I certainly don't do more golfing than the mini kind, but with Tiger Woods winning his third green jacket Sunday at the Masters, it grabs my attention.

The fact that a 26-year old can win three green jackets may stump some, others question what he does with the jackets after he wins them. Do you wear it out to eat that night, or do you seal it in one of those coat bags and stow it away in the closet – maybe dancing around in it when no one is home.

Maybe a bigger question is not even national at all. What's been going on with Eastern's golf teams?

While the men's and women's teams may seem like a forgotten sport, with baseball and softball dominating the spotlight, they exist.

But what separates this sport from the others at Eastern is the fact that you can't walk over to Lantz and see a golf competition. You have to drive outside the boundaries of Coles County.

Yes, Eastern has both a men's and women's golf team. And while Eastern's golfers are not as well-known as Tiger Woods, they certainly are holding their own on the courses.

This weekend, the women finished seventh at the Illini Classic as junior Tyra Frederick led Eastern for the second consecutive time this season. She finished in a tie for 16th and shot a 160. Junior Kristin Hoff finished just three strokes behind her teammate. Today, the men finish three days of competition at the Billiken Invitational before turning their attention to OVC action.

Unfortunately for the Eastern golf fans, that was as close as you could have gotten to witnessing our golf team in action.

Both the men and women have reached the end of their regular season, and will travel to Paducah, Ky., for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships at the end of the month.

While the men and women will be preparing now for conference recognition, maybe it just isn't the same as the nation's excitement of a third green jacket.

Big Ten foes will challenge Panthers

Matchup Breakdown

EIU (12-15)	Illinois (18-9)
► When: 3 p.m., Tuesday	
► Where: Coaches' Stadium	
Probable starters	
Damon White (2-1, 2.70 ERA)	Ryan Parks (1-0, 4.76 ERA)

Eastern plays host to Illinois, Purdue in midweek games

By Nate Bloomquist
Sports editor

It'll be a taxing week for the Panther baseball team.

The week begins Tuesday with a 3 p.m. game against Illinois and continues Wednesday with another 3 p.m. game against another Big Ten Conference foe, in Purdue.

But Panther head coach Jim Schmitz isn't worried about crunching the numbers and churning out a win. Instead, he's looking to take a closer look at some of the depth in his roster.

"It's a midweek game," Schmitz said Sunday. "So as is usually the case, we'll try to get in as many players as we can."

Schmitz was on a recruiting trip Monday and could not be reached for contact.

With no exemptions on the Panther roster, Eastern seemingly has nothing to lose and the players have everything to gain if they can prove themselves against a pair of tough squads from the Big Ten.

"It's always a big rivalry with them," Panther senior third base-



Caitlin Bullis/Associate photo editor

Eastern senior Scott Metz goes through his delivery during Game 1 of Saturday's doubleheader against Austin Peay. The Panthers will play host to Illinois Tuesday and Purdue Wednesday.

man Ben Duke said. "It'll be a good challenge. I think if we can play like we did on Sunday we can win."

Eastern has won six of its last

seven games.

The Illini (18-9) opened their season with 11 wins in their first 12 games. They have since gone 7-8.

Illinois (18-9) enters Tuesday's game with a team ERA of 4.90. The Panthers (12-15) beat the Illini in that category with a 4.65

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Matt Meinheit/Staff photographer

A Panther batter swings up at a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader against Tennessee State. Eastern won both games of the twinbill.

Panthers turn back last-place Tennessee State in twinbill

By Matt Williams
Staff writer

After a disappointing loss in a rain-shortened game Friday, the Eastern softball team bounced back to take two of three from Tennessee State this weekend at William's Field.

The Panthers (14-16, 6-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference) took advantage of Tennessee State (9-35, 3-11) mistakes and were able to get a little more consistency in their hitting in the two victories.

"We did a good job of putting pressure on them," Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said. "We were hitting the ball solid and getting it out of the infield to generate some runs."

In the first game, the Panthers got off to an early start by putting in two runs in the first inning off a two RBI double from the bat of junior designated hitter Jen Green.

Eastern took a commanding 4-1

lead into the top of the fifth inning when rain began to fall. The weather held off just long enough for the Tigers to pile on four runs in the frame to take a 5-4 lead. The Panthers were unable to put forth any more offense before the game was canceled due to lightning and rainy conditions.

Junior Kristen Becker (8-8) took the loss for Eastern while Shannon Hicks (5-13) took the win for the Tigers.

Game 2, which was originally scheduled for Friday, looked as if it was going to be a slug-fest early on. The Tigers got two runs in the top of the first inning from a two-run homer from catcher Deanna Miller.

The Panthers answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first to keep the score close. Becker took over the game and the Tigers ended up beating them-

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